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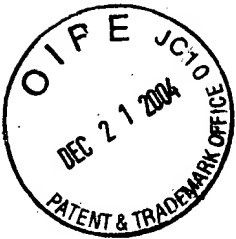
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

M. Patricia BECKMANN et al.

Application No.: 09/904,954

Filed: July 12, 2001

For: DNA ENCODING A HEK LIGAND
POLYPEPTIDE (Amended)

Group Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: Mertz, Prema M.

Confirmation No. 4147

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE

Applicants respond to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2004. The period for response has been extended to December 24, 2004, by the Petition for One Month Extension of Time and extension fee enclosed herewith. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, applicants propose to amend the application as follows: